

Attention Physicians

Gain HANDS-ON Emergency Preparedness Experience

Apply to Participate in a FREE Pilot Program

Sponsored by AMA, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, MIEMSS and the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center

In 2003, the American Medical Association (AMA), in partnership with four major medical centers and three national health organizations, established the National Disaster Life Support (NDLS) training program to better prepare health care professionals and emergency response personnel for mass casualty events. The overarching goal is to standardize emergency response training nationwide and strengthen the public health system.

The NDLS courses stress a comprehensive all-hazards approach to help physicians and other health professionals deal with catastrophic emergencies from terrorist acts as well as from explosions, fires, natural disasters (such as hurricanes and floods), and infectious diseases, which are much more likely to occur.

In large-scale mass casualty events, physicians and other health care workers must be knowledgeable of the need for efficient coordination among local, state and federal emergency response efforts; how to protect themselves and others from further harm; how to communicate effectively with other emergency personnel and the media; and how to address the unique psychological impacts and related social chaos that may ensue. By completing these courses, clinicians will better understand their integrated roles in the broader disaster response system.

Maryland is in the process of establishing two academic NDLS training centers. Patterned after the nationally successful Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) courses, the NDLS courses provide a consistent method of recognizing and responding to mass casualty incidents.

The R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center and Johns Hopkins School of Public Health programs are looking for instructor candidates to attend this four-day program. These two centers, in cooperation with MIEMSS, will be conducting the first train-the-trainer program for 100 Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS) instructors (1-day training), of which 50 will go on to become Advanced Disaster Life Support (ADLS) instructors (2 ½ additional days of training). This pilot program is going to be **free** to select candidates.

The Benefits (at no financial charge to you):

- 7.5 hours AMA category one CME for competition of BDLS
- 13 hours AMA category one CME for competition of ADLS
- Upon successful completion of BDLS, participants receive a “certificate of training”, good for four years and instructor credential for BDLS
- Upon successful completion of ADLS, participants receive a “certificate of training”, good for four years and instructor credential for ADLS
- Free lunch and parking

Qualifications:

- Physician licensed through the Maryland Board of Physicians (MBP)
- Currently recognized as a “Physician Volunteer” through MBP and have completed the current training opportunities
- Previous teaching experience (e.g. ATLS, ACLS, PALS).

Expectations:

- Significant consecutive time commitment (1 day for BLDS instructors; additional 2 ½ days for ADLS instructors). ADLS instructors must successfully complete the BDLS portion of this program to continue to ADLS and ADLS Instructor portions.
- Complete a daily evaluation of the course and how this program can be improved to meet the needs of Maryland health care providers (2-3 pages) (**required in order to receive certificates**)
- Commitment to participate in future instruction through one or both of the Maryland NDLS training centers (financial compensation anticipated)

To apply to participate in the NDLS Instructor Pilot Program, please send the following application to:

Richard Alcorta, MD.
State EMS Medical Director
MIEMSS
653 West Pratt Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Phone Number: (410) 706-0880
Secure Fax Number: (410) 706-0853

National Disaster Life Support Instructor Training (BLDS/ ADLS)

COURSE LOCATION: Central Maryland, TBA

COURSE DATES: Tuesday, June 14 through
Friday, June 17, 200

APPLICATION FORM

Name (Last, First): _____

Current Position/Title: _____

Current Employment: _____

Phone (Work): _____

Phone (Home): _____

Mailing Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Physician specialty: _____

Hazardous / Radiological Materials Experience (Please specify): _____

What will make you a superior ADLS instructor candidate? (No more than one page please)

I'm willing to become BDLS instructor if an opportunity exists to complete ADLS & ADLS instructor training? **?YES ?NO**

Do you have any disabilities (*including special allergies or medical disabilities*) which would require assistance during your attendance at the training course? **?YES ?NO**

If so, please describe: _____

Attach a copy of each of the following documents:

- 1) *Current Maryland Physician License*
- 2) *Physician Volunteer Identification*
- 3) *Teaching / Instructor Card(s) or Certificate(s)*

I certify that the information recorded on this application is correct.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____